



OFFICE OF MAYOR LORI E. LIGHTFOOT

CITY OF CHICAGO

November 19, 2019

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Dear requestor:

On behalf of the City of Chicago Office of the Mayor ("Mayor's Office"), I am responding to your Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request received in our offices on November 4, 2019, (please note that city offices were closed on November 11, 2019, in observance of Veterans Day), for which this office requested an extension on November 12, 2019, in which you stated:

...You can at minimum search for records between Mayor Lightfoot and her communication team that describe "ICE" "databases" "cooperation" and "access" between October 24th 2019 and April 2, 2019 (the date of the run off election).

We interpreted your letter to be a request for the Mayor's email communications that include the key words within the timeframe that you provided. We utilized these search parameters to conduct an initial search.

Your FOIA request is unduly burdensome, as the initial search yielded more than 1,400 items. In order to comply with your request, this department would need to review thousands of records to determine whether any such documents are responsive to your request. This task would require extensive time, resources, and staff, and such an endeavor would pose an undue burden on the operations of the Mayor's Office. You might consider narrowing your request by reducing the timeframe.

Section 3(g) of FOIA provides that "[r]equests calling for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information." 5 ILCS 140/3(g).

It is necessary that your FOIA request be narrowed and clarified. If you would like assistance in narrowing your request, please contact me, and I will assist you. Otherwise, for the reasons provided above, the Mayor's Office is unable to respond to your FOIA request as currently drafted.

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If you agree to narrow your request, you must submit a revised written request to my attention. The Mayor's Office will take no further action or send you any further correspondence unless and until your current request is narrowed in writing. If we do not receive your narrowed request within fourteen calendar days of the date of this letter, your current request will be denied.

In the event that we do not receive a narrowed request and your current FOIA request is therefore denied, you have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, (877) 299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in Cook County Circuit Court.

Sincerely,
/s/ Anjali Julka
FOIA Officer